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SUBJ: HARRASSMENT OF UNMO'S

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1. I HAPPENED TO BE MEETING WITH DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN PRIVATELY ON A NUMBER OF OTHER MATTERS MORNING OF MARCH 2, JUST AFTER HAVING SEEN JERUSALEM'S REPORT IN REFTEL. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO HIT WEIZMAN RATHER HARD ABOUT THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY BY THE CHRISTIANS. HE WAS HIGHLY PREOCCUPIED WITH OTHER MATTERS AND OBVIOUSLY HAD NOT HEARD OF IT. HE IMMEDIATELY ASKED HIS AIDE FOR CONFIRMATION AND THE AIDE CONFIRMED THAT THE INCIDENT AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL HAD INDEED OCCURRED. I WENT ON TO TALK FAIRLY STERNLY TO WEIZMAN ABOUT ALL OF THE THIEVERY OF UN VEHICLES BY THE CHRISTIANS AND OTHER HARRASSMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN OCCURRING IN RECENT WEEKS. I URGED HIM TO TRY TO REIN IN HIS UNRULY CHRISTIAN FRIENDS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE DELICATE PROBLEM OF MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF ORDER IN THE BORDER AREA.  
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I MADE CLEAR THAT, CONTRARY TO WHAT SEEMED TO BE HIS ASSUMPTION, IN RECENT WEEKS THE CHRISTIANS WERE THE PRIME ACTORS IN THIS HARRASSMENT OF THE UN, ALTHOUGH PALESTINIAN HARRASSMENT ALSO CONTINUED.

2. WEIZMAN LOOKED RATHER SHEEPISH AND SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD, AGREEING WITH ME THAT THIS WAS VERY UN-

HELPFUL BEHAVIOR INDEED. BUT HE WAS MORE PREOCCUPIED WITH OTHER SIGNS OF SA'QA INFILTRATION OF THE BORDER AREA AND THE STEADY BUILD UP OF WEAPONS ON THE PALESTINIAN SIDE. WE AGREED THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE MUST BE DONE TO KEEP THINGS FROM GETTING OUT OF HAND IN THE WEEKS AHEAD.

3. THIS WAS PROBABLY A USEFUL MOMENT TO HIT WEIZMAN ON CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR AND IT MAY HAVE SOME HELPFUL EFFECT. BUT I DOUBT THAT WE CAN EXPECT VERY MUCH IMPROVEMENT IN THE CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UN SO LONG AS UN OBSERVERS ARE IN A POSITION TO BLOW THE WHISTLE ON WHAT SEEMS TO BE A DEVELOPING PROPENSITY TO TRY TO LINK UP MORE CLOSELY WITH THE SHI'A VILLAGES IN THE BORDER REGION.

4. MIKE NEWLIN TELLS ME THAT HE PASSED ON TO GENERAL SIILASVUO, AS I SUGGESTED, THE FACT THAT I HAD RAISED THIS MATTER WITH WEIZMAN, AND ACCORDING TO NEWLIN SIILASVUO WAS VERY GRATEFUL. I CONTINUE HOWEVER TO BE PUZZLED BY THE FACT THAT SIILASVUO HIMSELF DOES NOT TAKE A STRONGER STAND MORE FREQUENTLY ON THIS VEXING ISSUE WITH THE ISRAELIS. I BELIEVE THAT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THE UN ITSELF OUGHT TO BE FORCEFULLY URGING THE ISRAELIS TO DO WHAT THEY CAN WITH THEIR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS TO PROTECT THE POSITION OF THE UN OBSERVERS. WE CAN BE VERY HELPFUL IN A SUPPLEMENTARY WAY, BUT FUNDAMENTALLY THIS SEEMS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO BE A UN RESPONSIBILITY. WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY COMMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR NEW YORK AS TO WHAT MY PROPER ROLE SHOULD BE. LEWIS

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